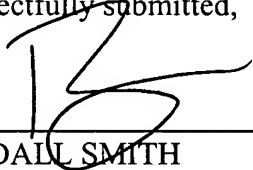


requirement and reserves its right to traverse the restriction requirement in the future. Further, it should be noted generally that the Figures in the present application are merely examples of embodiments of the claimed invention and are in no way intended, and should not be construed, to limit any of the claims. Applicant's compliance with the Examiner's requirements of the Office Action dated November 4, 2004 is not intended to, and should not be considered to be, an admission or representation of any nature with respect to the invention of the present application, claims or drawings.

If the Examiner has any questions or comments regarding this communication, he is invited to please contact the undersigned to expedite the resolution of this application. If any fees are inadvertently omitted or if any additional fees are required or have been overpaid, please appropriately charge or credit those fees to E. Randall Smith, P.C. Deposit Account Number 501294.

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